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- 1. SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER RAZAK DEPARTED AUSTRALIA OCTOBER 22 FOLLOWING 8-DAY VISIT WHICH WAS SOMEWHAT MARRED BY STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. RAZAK AND GOA WERE GENERALLY IN ACCORD ON MAJOR ISSUES WITH EXCEPTION OF BRUNEI QUESTION IN THE UN. END SUMMARY.
- 2. DFA ASST. SECRETARY JOSEPH SAID THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS RAZAK VISIT AUSTRALIA LARGELY TO REPAY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM'S VISIT TO MALAY-SIA IN EARLY 1974.
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3. FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL ON OCTOBER 15 RAZAK HAD PRIVATE ONE HOUR VISIT WITH WHITLAM. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BYTHREE HOUR'S DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS AND FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESSEE. JOSEPH WAS IMPRESSED BY EXCELLENT PERSONAL RAPPORT BETWEEN WHITLAM AND RAZAK AND BY TIME ACCRODED RAZAK DURING PRESENT POLITICAL CRISIS. SAID THAT WHITLAM HAD ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED HIS EFFECTIVENESS WITH ASIAN LEADERS.

4. FOLLOWING TOPICS RECEIVED MOST ATTENTION: A) BRUNEA - WHITLAM TOLD RAZAK THAT GOA WOULD OPPOSE ANY MALAYSIAN ATTEMPT TO CONDEMN THE BRITISH IN U.N. COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF BRUNEI ISSUE. GOA BE-LIEVES THAT THE U.K. SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNI-TY TO MAKE AN ORDERLY WITHDRAWL. AFTER THAT TIME, GOA THOUGHT IT QTE NATURAL UNQTE THAT BRUNEI WOULD JOIN MALAYSIA. B) TIMOR - BOTH WHITLAM AND RAZAK EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EVENTUAL INDONESIAN TAKE-OVER OF TIMOR. BOTH AGREED NOT TO CRITICIZE RECENT INDO-NESIAN MILITARY STEPS AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT GOI HADN'T ACTED MORE PROMPTLY FOLLOWING PORTUGUESE PULL OUT. C) ASEAN - RAZAK SAID THAT NEXT ASEAN MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN BALI EARLY NEXT YEAR. WHITLAM ASKED IF ASEAN WAS CONSIDERING INDUCTING ANY NEW MEM-BERS. RAZAK REPLIED THAT BURMA MIGHT SOMEDAY BE CON-SIDERED BUT THAT THE BURMESE WERE NOW TOO MUCH UNDER CHINESE DOMINATION. THERE WOQFD ZMQNX POSSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP FOR INDOCHINESE STATES AS LONG AS THAI-LAND AND THE PHILIPPINES WERE SO CLOSELY ALLIED WITH THE U.S.

D) VIETNAM - SHITLAM AND RAZAK EXPRESSED REGRET OVER U.S. VETO OF U.N. MEMBERSHIP. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT U.S. WOULD SOON WITHDRAW OBJECTIONS TO MULTILATERAL AID TO VIETNAM, AND BEGIN TO WORK TOWARDS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.

5. IN HIS PUBLIC ADDRESS (TEXT POUCHED KUALA LUMPUR AND DEPARTMENT) RAZAK MADE PTICH FOR SOUTH EAST ASIAN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND NEUTRALITY. SAID THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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VIETNAM WAR HAD QTE SHOWN US THE DANGERS AND FUTILITY OF BIG POWER INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA UNQTE.

6. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, EXPECIALLY INIKDELAIDE, WHERE ACTIVISTS POURED PAINT ON RAZAK'S CAR AND THREW ROCKS AT HIM, REPORTEDLY INFURIATED THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER. HE TOLD HIS AUSTRALIAN HOSTS THAT HE WOULD REQUEST THE EXTRADITION OF THREE OF THE MA-

LAYSIAN STUDENTS INVOLVED FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR. HOWEVER, THE GOA HOPES AND BELIEVES THAT RAZAK WILL CALM DOWN BEFORE REACHING HIS HOMELAND AND DROP THIS IDEA, WHICH WOULD OF COURSE, BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GOA TO FULFILL.

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